

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's discussion of the pending rejections in a telephone conversation on July 5, 2007. This amendment is consistent with the comments made during that conversation. In light of the above claim amendments and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 4-10 are pending in this application. Claims 2 and 3 are canceled.

Claims 1-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Meyer et al. (Published U.S. Application 2005/0091268). The independent claims have been amended to include the limitations of canceled dependent claims 2 and 3.

The present invention provides contents processing data indicating the status of the contents data stored in a database. A feature of the invention is to synchronize the contents processing data (FL2a) stored in a volatile cache memory (RAM) with a contents processing data file (FL2) stored in a HDD. In this manner, the stored contents processing data file can be used to restore the cache upon boot-up of the system; rather than having to re-generate the contents processing data from scratch as in prior art systems.

In response to Applicant's previous arguments, the Examiner notes the features upon which applicant relies are not recited in the claims. Specifically, the claims do not recite synchronizing contents processing data stored in a cache. (Office Action page 4)

Applicant has now amended the independent claims to recite "matching information indicating the matching of the contents of registration of said database and the contents

processing data is stored for said contents data and saved by information holding means." (Claim 1; Claims 8, 9, and 10 contain similar limitations) This matching operation corresponds to the synchronization of the contents processing data (FL2a) between the cache (i.e. the information holding means) and the cache file stored on the HDD (FL2). Accordingly, Applicant believes the present claims now recite the cache synchronization feature of the present invention.

As previously argued, Meyer is directed to a method for controlling access to registered media content. However, Meyer does not disclose synchronizing contents processing data stored in a cache when there is a change to the contents data stored in a database. Hence, Meyer fails to meet the "second registration means" limitations recited in the present claims. Accordingly, for at least this reason, Meyer fails to anticipate the present invention and the rejected claims should now be allowed.

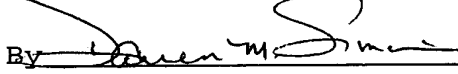
In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he/she telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095.

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